

## Minutes of May 9<sup>th</sup> EAC Meeting

The Allentown EAC met on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 starting at 5:15 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Room of Allentown City Hall.

EAC members present: Randy Fey, David Keschl, Tinku Khanwalkar

City official present: Scott Reppert

Non-EAC member present: Janet Keschl

- The minutes of the February EAC meeting were duly approved.
- There was a discussion about the rain garden going in behind Stooges. The EAC is generally supportive of it.
- The permit application by AERC was discussed. David Keschl agreed to review the application and inform EAC members of any concerns.
- There was a discussion about the absence of any information about the stream buffer management plan by the Parks Department. Joe Hoffman had previously agreed to work with Lindsay Taylor's staff to facilitate the development of a plan that can address the EAC's ongoing concern about the current annual mowing down of the stream buffer areas. More active involvement by the EAC is needed on this.
- Randy Fey reported on the dog park. There were significant concerns about the compost area for dog excrement as the whole area is in a flood plain. Randy will continue to work closely with Lindsay to make sure that flooding will not be an issue.
- There was a discussion of the EAC article for Adventure Allentown. Joe Hoffman was to confirm the publication timeline and develop a draft of an article for EAC review in time to meet the deadline. However, as Joe has missed several meetings Tinku Khanwalkar moved that Randy Fey write a draft article on invasive plants for review at the June meeting. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.

- There was a discussion about the City's decision to go to single stream recycling. David Keschel explained that this results in 25% of the recyclable material going into landfills. The EAC needs to appoint a liaison to work with Ann Sauerman – head of recycling for the City. Tinku offered to contact Ann to see if she can attend the next EAC meeting.
- There was further discussion of the need for additional EAC involvement with the Parks Department. Randy Fey offered to be the Parks liaison.

The meeting was duly adjourned at 6:45 p.m.